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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, March 17, 1918

Wesley Bouslog

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Sunday 3/17/18

Machine Valentine :-

A very beautiful day in the Sunny South and I am O. K. And feeling very good in harmony with the weather. I trust that you may be as well as I.

Will tell you what I did last week. On Mon. Tue. Wed., Thu., I went to school, drilled and got my lessons.

The drilling is our physical exercise and its purpose is to keep us in good physical condition. On Friday Block A and B were given a fatigue day.

We were given a sack of Blue Denims, an axe and a pair of hip Rubber Boots and were sent to the Everglades along the St. John's River.

There we leveled the shrubs and smaller trees of the swamps and piled them in heaps. It is great sport and amusement to see some of the Chaps use the



Axe. Occasionally one would make a mis-hit and how the water would fly. Some would of course do it for fun. Turtles small Crocodiles etc were the Chief attractions. Some sport to stand in water from morning to night. Ha: Water was all the way from 6in to 18in deep. We all enjoyed the change of work and when the mosquitoes meet in their Rendezvous they will find the hot sun beating down upon them. Ha: Instead of making war on the Kaiser we made war on the Concentration Camps of the mosquitoes. See.

Join the Army, get a variety of work and see the world. I have done every thing from washing dishes, sweeping floors etc to the clearing of the Everglades, Guard duty, cutting wood, hauling lime and dozens of other kinds of work.

Received a letter from Miss Lucas and must answer it today. I sent Jim her Ymas Pres





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Tell her the Bracelet is all Gold  
and guaranteed to turn to brass.  
and the pin has a sharp point  
and that she must be careful.

Howz everyone about the  
Old town?

Yesterday we stood suspicion  
and all issues of clothing were  
checked up to see if we have lost  
or disposed of anything. Well  
since Dec 5th I have lost a  
Tooth brush which she gave  
me. It was the only thing I could  
not account for. I however  
could have accounted for it in  
ashes as I threw it in the  
stove. for it was continually  
loosing its bristles and these  
were getting fast in my throat  
so I threatened - thing at the  
store and purchased a good one.  
I presumed I shall be locked  
about 10 cents next pay  
day. One thing sure N.D. is





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the day of big feasts. "C"

Well my dear I must close. I trust that you are O. K. and well I am.

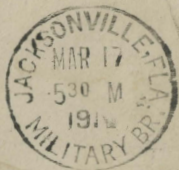
Yours in Olive Drab,  
Wus  
H

P.S. If I continue my writing is going to be hard to read but everything is a rush with us and so with our writing so excuse any and all mistakes, never do we think of reading a letter after reading it in order to correct the mistakes.

S. W. A. K.



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Miss Opal Valentine Baker,  
Sulphur Springs,  
Henry County Indiana

